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Mr. Calvin C. Cowden

Dear Mr. Cowden:

I have your kind letter of 14 June and want to thank you very much for your courtesy in writing to me as you did.

It is indeed gratifying to get your generous comments and I greatly appreciate your expression of appreciation for the work that I am doing.

With every best wish and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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"P.S. I wish to add that I sincerely hope we may meet some day. If you come to Washington, let me know."



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Mr. Allen W. Dulles
2430 E. Street
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles,

I am a teacher of social studies in one of the finest high schools in our state. One of my most pleasant and enjoyable duties is the presentation to my students of the lives and accomplishments of our great American leaders of today. At no time during the course of these lectures am I more enthusiastic than when dealing with the remarkable achievements of the very talented director of our Central Intelligence Agency, Mr. Allen W. Dulles. This enthusiasm is shared by the individual students also. We sincerely consider you to be one of the great Americans of our time.

Mr. Dulles, it is perhaps a characteristic of our American democracy that men of your caliber are willing to give so freely of your selves to your nation. We are proud beyond words of the outstanding contributions you have made in so many fields of endeavor. It occurs to me that though we do realize and appreciate the tremendous importance of your many services to the nation, we seldom find the time to express our gratitude personally. Of course we can never know of all the personal sacrifices you have had to make in order to serve your country. Though we should read every article printed, still we could not know of all the time, effort, thought and worry you have given toward the goal of a better America for us all. We know of only a little of the struggle and heartache you have known during the course of attaining your goals.

Mr. Dulles, I am only a school teacher and you and I shall never meet, but I want to thank you in some way personally for all you have done, and are still doing, for all of us. You have given a degree of efficient and faithful service over a long period of years which is perhaps unequaled by any other. Thank you so very, very much for giving us the benefit of your great life. As long as I have the ability to teach I shall endeavor to impress upon my students the importance of the life and work of Mr. Allen W. Dulles. We respect your judgment and your ability to represent our nation and people to the rest of the world. Without your guiding hand the Central Intelligence Agency could not be what it is today. We will always remember the courageous, honest and forthright manner in which you have conducted yourself in your high offices. You are certainly deserving of the many honors which have been bestowed upon you. Thank you again for everything, and may God Bless and Keep You Always.

Appreciatively yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Calvin C. Cowden".